Look before you leap to Clinton

Do the American people really have such short memories that they can't remember what things were like 12 years ago? I'm totally befuddled at what it appears the American people are about to do.

Twelve years ago when Ronald Reagan took office, we had interest rates in the 20-percent range, inflation well in double digits, plenty of unemployment to go around, and energy costs that were through the roof. Do we want that all over again? Isn't what we have better than that?

Somehow the Clinton campaign gets away with ridiculing supply-side economics, calling it "trickle down." Do we forget so easily that it created the longest period of growth the United States has experienced in recent history?

If it were true (and I don't believe it) that it was only the rich that got richer, doesn't common sense (and that's not very common anymore) dictate that that would be the first step in improving the economy? Because most commerce is done through small businesses, if they do better they just might have the money to expand and will need more employees. When was the last time you went to someone on welfare and got a job?

America, wake up before it's too late.

— **Larry Wilkens**
Colorado Springs

Gays force their lifestyle on all

In Neal Bernard's letter to the editor, he produces an argument against Amendment 2. He, like the bill's other opponents, tries to portray the bill as a homosexual-discrimination bill, when it would actually only keep the gay community from achieving a special elevated status. Bernard lays out several key points which should actually make people support Amendment 2.

Bernard states that just "because a person chooses to be straight," they shouldn't impose their beliefs on others. This shows that Bernard believes that sexuality is a choice. Choosing a lifestyle which is at odds with the majority lifestyle does not grant one the right to a privileged minority status.

Bernard says that a good teacher should not be removed because of his/her sexuality. The protected status that homosexuals have received in New York and Wisconsin has led to homosexual teachers showing films and pictures of homosexual relationships and acts — totally against the wishes of most parents whom they label "closed-minded fanatics." Whose rights are being infringed upon, Mr. Bernard?

If homosexuals are born that way, as most say they are, then why are they teaching in schools that kids should feel free to choose their sexuality? This, again, shows that homosexuals believe that sexuality is a choice, and since it is, then why does choosing to be different allow a group a privileged status?

Amendment 2 is not about keeping people from sleeping with whomever they choose. It is about keeping the gay community from forcing its chosen lifestyle down the majority's throats. If choosing a bedmate was the only issue, as Bernard states, then the gay community wouldn't be making sexual orientation such a public issue.

The gay community has a clear agenda. It is trying to make its chosen lifestyle the legally superior lifestyle. Amendment 2 would simply not allow this.

— **Craig Cox**
Colorado Springs

'Life Chain' sent out clear signal

If you were one of the 4,000 people in the Pikes Peak region who participated in our nearly nine-mile-long Life Chain on Sunday, Oct. 4, we thank you for your peaceful witness.

By joining with one million prolifers nationwide, you raised powerful prayers for mothers and babies threatened by abortion; for men, women, and children harmed by abortion; for religious and political leaders afraid to speak out against abortion; and for doctors, nurses and counselors involved in abortion.

By quietly standing on Academy Boulevard and peacefully holding your simply worded signs, you informed people of the Colorado Springs area that abortion does indeed kill children — and that adoption really is the loving option.

And by sacrificing a Sunday afternoon to "link up" with strangers, you reminded our community that we are all connected to every mother and her baby — that each is a precious member of our human family.

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